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7:30-9:00 Registration
8:00-9:00 Breakfast
9:00-9:30 Welcome
9:45-noon Exhibits
9:45-noon Workshops
12:30 Competitive CITYBUSINESS Awards Luncheon

WORKSHOPS**10:00-11:00 Fleet—Access-to-Capital**

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10:00-11:00 Franchising

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ELIZABETH UEZ — Mayor Chris Bollwage (center) is shown here with (l-r) Elizabeth First Ward Councilman Manny Grova; Shawna Francis, Partner America; Ralph Salerno and Manny Sanchez, Esq. — Elizabeth Avenue Partnership; Danny Devanney, Elizabeth UEZ; Morris Reid, Partner American; and Gordon Haas, Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. The group attended a recent small business roundtable to discuss business development.

WOMANIST LECTURER — Dr. Gloria Harper Dickinson, an Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department of African American Studies at the College of New Jersey, regularly lectures on New Jersey's Womanist Heritage. Her spheres of academic expertise include Africana literature and religion, black popular culture and women writers of the African Diaspora. The New Jersey Council for the Humanities makes her lectures available to the public.



SWEET ARTS GALA — The Eighth Annual "Sweet Arts" Gala for the Newark School of the Arts was held recently at The Manor. Shown (l-r) are gala chair Wanda Moore, Esq. and honorees: Dr. Victor Parsonnet and Chase Jackson; T. S. Monk, honorary chair; Stephen Shiman, NSA executive director; Jean Browne, assistant director; Robert E. McNamara, president, Board of Trustees.

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Second black female firefighter repeats history

NEWARK, NJ — More than 20 years after the Newark Fire Department and Mayor Sharpe James made history by welcoming the city's first female firefighter in 1981, James welcomed the second female, Lytina Byrd into the fire academy recently.

Byrd and her predecessor, Jacqueline Jones are both African American.

Byrd and her 46 male colleagues are members of Newark's 35th class of firefighter recruits. The recruits began eight weeks of intense training that includes fire safety and survival, ventilation and post fire clean-up, search and rescue, forcible entry, and how to respond to weapons of mass destruction.

City fire officials said Byrd and the other new recruits were part of Newark's special recruitment campaign targeted at hiring local residents to meet the city's firefighter needs.

"This initiative is another step in the administration's commitment to recruiting talented young men and women to serve the communities in which they live," said Mayor Sharpe James.

Jones reached another milestone when she was promoted to fire captain in 1989.



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Spotlight on Education

In a Great Public School . . .

Families and schools share responsibility for education

Our Association believes that we must raise our expectations for public education. We want to ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend a great public school.

What is a great public school?

This column is providing answers to that question. This week we explore one important element of what constitutes a great school.

In great public schools, family members, community residents, school administrators, and school board members share responsibility for education.

School employees embrace their responsibility for a child's education. The educator's role is paramount. A teacher often works with a child more each day than the child's parent. A school nurse may share a child's most personal dilemmas. A crossing guard and school bus driver hold each young walker's or passenger's life in their hands.

More than just test scores

School employees are responsible for more than just test scores. They are responsible for teaching all children the ABCs — Academics, Behavior, and Citizenship. Public school teachers educate every child, and they educate the whole child.

But school employees alone are not responsible for a child's education. Parents, family

members, community residents, school administrators, and board members share that awesome responsibility. When children succeed, it is because their families send them to school ready to learn — healthy, rested, and free of heavy emotional burdens. It is because community residents provide safe, healthy, and attractive neighborhoods in which children can thrive. It is because state leaders provide public schools with the resources they need, such as adequate funding laws and supportive regulations, to achieve excellence. It is because school administrators and school board members work to support teachers and educational support professionals as they teach and care for children. And it is because the children themselves make an effort to learn.

All our children deserve schools like these. That's why our Association is working together to strengthen public education.

For more information about how to help children succeed, go to www.njea.org and click on "For Parents."



For more information contact:

**Jacqueline
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*President, East Orange
Education Association*

Op-Ed

Under-recognized women must speak up, we must listen

During her recent visit to Newark Jacqueline L. Jackson, the civil rights activist and wife of the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, reminded women that "We are not, nor have we ever been passive spectators in shaping the history of this world and the destiny of men." Those words resonated with us during Women's History Month.

Despite the advances made by women in business, politics, religion, education, media, and sports, many women continue to undermine their value, and their lack of self worth is all too often reinforced by the greater society at large.

We join Mrs. Jackson, in reinforcing the idea that women have always stood shoulder to shoulder with men in shaping the destiny of human existence. We encourage housewives, poor women, grandmothers and women working in low-paying, non-professional jobs to value the management, organization, and strategic skills they employ daily.

Women who entered the workplace for the first time a few years back learned they were more capable than they believed. Getting a husband and small children out the house on schedule daily requires phenomenal organization. Feeding, clothing and boarding a family on one salary takes tight fiscal management. Dealing effectively with teachers, pediatricians, municipal agencies, and fellow church members involve communication, decision making and people skills.

The women who unassumingly perform these tasks are highly capable and contribute greatly to society by making life easier for the rest of us. It is time that these women and the general global population recognize their significance.

These overlooked, and often discounted women must speak up, and we must listen to them.

We can ill afford to ignore their valuable input if we are going to truly take the next step in effectively addressing public policy issues relevant to our lives, such as health, technology, labor, legal justice, economic stability, education, health, home ownership, foreign policy, democracy, politics, and family.

Video games dehumanize minorities

By **Akilah Monifa**

The violence of video games bothers me, as do their representations of people of color and women.

A recently released report by Children Now's Children & the Media Program analyzes race and ethnicity, violence and gender in video games and finds some surprising numbers.

While the percentage of African-American characters in video games is greater than the percentage of African Americans in the population, black characters played stereotypical roles. Only 4 percent of African-American characters appeared as heroes, compared with 87 percent of white characters.

The study shows that 83 percent of

African-American males were portrayed as competitors in sports games, while 86 percent of African-American females were non-action and non-competitor characters.

African-American female characters were also more likely than any other group to be victims of violence. Their victimization rate was 86 percent, compared to white females who were at 45 percent. In general, female characters were more likely than males to scream and to wear revealing clothing.

African-American characters were also the most verbally aggressive, screaming, taunting and insulting in many of the games.

Latinos don't fare well, either. Only 2 percent of the characters were nonwhite Latinos, and none were Latina. Every one of the Latino characters was in sports games,

usually baseball. What's more, 83 percent of the Latinos were shown exhibiting physical harm and pain after an injury, such as colliding into a wall while trying to catch a pop fly.

Children's exposure to violent media, including video games, could lead to future aggressive behavior and desensitization to violence, according to a recent study by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Children who play video games are being sent negative messages about violence, gender and race.

As many children receive video games as Easter and birthday gifts, parents should make them aware that these depictions of people of color are far from reality.

Akilah Monifa is a free-lance writer living in Oakland, Calif.

Women's history month as a springboard

By **John F. McKeon**

As National Women's History Month draws to an end, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the ways we have celebrated accomplishments and contributions of women throughout our society.

Since 1987, Congress has acknowledged March as National Women's History Month. Prior to that, the celebration of the advances made by women in politics, the arts, sciences, medicine and many other areas was limited to one week. Through the efforts of the National Women's History Project, communities, schools and companies all across our nation have planned ceremonies, educational programs and other programs high-

lighting the successful women of history. These celebrations of women's history continue all year long, but are most prominent during the month of March. Indeed schools throughout the state have taken advantage of this past month to highlight the great accomplishment of women.

In New Jersey, the General Assembly approved an Assembly Resolution honoring the Center for American Women and Politics at Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University: Since 1971 CAWP has studied and monitored the status of women in politics and government, providing resources, education and opportunities for women officeholders and aspiring office-

holders. Honoring the efforts of programs such as CAWP honors the memory of the many women who have contributed to politics and government, as well as the many notables in other important areas of our society.

Highlighting women's history during the month of March is intended to spark interest in heritage of women who have positively impacted our society. Let it not be the end of our acknowledging these great accomplishments, but the springboard to recognizing and incorporating this history all year long into our educational and work lives.

John F. McKeon is a New Jersey Assemblyman

Vote April 16 in your school board election

By **Patti J. Pawling**

President, NJ School Board Association

Nowhere is the pluralism and openness of American society better demonstrated than in our public schools. For generations, our system of universal public education has opened doors opportunity to young Americans. Schools today educate the most diverse group of students in America's history in respect to cultural backgrounds, academic needs and interests.

Our public schools offer programs undreamed of 50 years ago. Yet, schools face many challenges. In New Jersey local boards of education must enable students to meet statewide academic standards; provide professional development for teachers; and ensure a safe learning environment and adequate facilities. This school year, districts must accomplish these tasks with limited state financial support.

The New Jersey public education system is particularly democratic. More than 90% of our local school districts hold annual school board elections. Voters can also exercise a franchise available in only six other states: approve or reject a proposed budget.

The annual school elections will be held on Tuesday, April 16. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions.

What will voters decide?

Registered voters in more than 550 of the state's 602 school districts will select members of their local boards of education. More than 1,500 school board positions will

be on the ballot statewide. Voters will also approve or reject a proposed base budget for the 2002-03 school year. A small number of districts will also ask voters to act on one or more additional ballot questions.

What is the local school board's role?

The board of education oversees the public school district on behalf of the community. The board fulfills this role by setting education goals, establishing policies on curriculum, student discipline and use of buildings; deliberating over, the proposed budget to be submitted to the voters; and negotiating contracts with employee unions.

Explain the significance of the proposed school district budget?

The proposed school district budget incorporates expenditures for the academic program, staff salaries and benefits, extra curricular activities, pupil transportation and supports functions such as maintenance, cafeteria and clerical services. The voter's act on the portion of the budget that is funded through local property taxes. All voters, whether parents, renters or single have a stake in the public schools and should vote in the annual school election. A strong school program makes the community more attractive to prospective residents and potential business investors.

On average local property taxes fund 55% of school expenditures in New Jersey. State aid covers 40% to 43% of the costs, with the remainder of the funds coming from the federal government. For 2002-03, due to New Jersey's fiscal crisis, most school districts have cut their proposed

budgets wherever possible. Despite this prudence, many budget plans will result in communities absorbing additional costs because proposed state aid to education will not account for increases in enrollment, insurance and contractual obligations.

How do I learn the candidates and the budget in my community?

Each registered voter receives a sample ballot listing the candidates, base budget proposal and any additional questions under consideration. Local newspapers, public access cable television, parent and teacher groups and community organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, often provide information to give citizens first hand knowledge of school board candidate's views. In addition, state law requires school districts to publish a summary of the proposed budget in a local newspaper, and the local school board must hold a public hearing on the spending plan.

When and where do I vote?

By law, polls will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 16. Many school districts schedule additional polling time. Contact your local board of education, the county clerk's office, or refer to the sample ballot for the exact polling time.

Why should I vote?

Your vote is step one in providing vital input for decisions such as whether or not education programs meet state academic standards, and new facilities are needed. The Annual School Election is an opportunity not available in many other states, and I urge you to take advantage of it.



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Calendars

Community

APRIL 2002-SEPTEMBER 15

Newark - The Newark Museum presents a Garden of Remembrance: A Memorial to September 11. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball, for girls and boys ages 10-19. For more info call (704) 568-6801.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Rahway - Spring program begins for indoor basketball tournaments/leagues. For registration call (732) 396-9100.

Newark - The Division of Recreation is offering free activities during Public Schools Spring Break, beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more info call (973) 733-6454.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Newark - The Boys and Girls Club of Newark hosts an Evening of Promise for Newark Youngsters at 7:00 p.m. For more info call (973) 242-1200.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Plainfield - The Plainfield League of Women Voters sponsoring its School Board of Education Candidates Forum from 7:00-8:45 p.m. For more info call (908) 756-9164.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

RAHWAY - The Rahway Center Partnership hosts golf outing competition for \$1500 prize. For more info call (732) 396-3545.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Newark - Branch Brook Park Alliance hosts An Evening with Cole Porter from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call (973) 643-1611 ext. 139.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Newark - The Newark Museum will host Essex County Seniors Day from 1-4pm. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Newark - The Women's Center for Essex County College presents a free seminar Speaking with Confidence / Making Every Word Count from 6 - 8 p.m. For more info call (973) 877-3395.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Newark - Members of the Essex and Union Chapters of the A.P.R.I. invite you to the A. Phillip Randolph Birthday Celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more info call (973) 824-7323.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Newark - Every third Saturday the Offender Aid and Restoration of Essex County, Inc and the United Neighborhood Development Center will host a Mentoring Breakfast. For more info call (973) 624-6610.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Middletown - The Monmouth County Park System hosts an Earth Day Celebration from 1-5

p.m. For more info call (732) 872-2670.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

Newark - The Grandparents Raising Children Support Group meets every fourth Monday at 156 Lyons Avenue in Newark. Meeting times vary. For more info call (973) 926-6771.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Newark - The Women's Center for Essex County College presents Creating Positive Thoughts Everyday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more info call (973) 877-3395.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Elizabeth - Community Access Unlimited host's flea market of 2002 from 9am-3pm. For more info call (908) 354-3040.

Manhattan - The Sony Wonder Technology Lab will host a Summer Theater Workshop for children, limited to 15 participants. For more info call (212) 833-8100.

Business

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Union - The Union County Economic Development Corporation host 'Marketing Your Web Site Seminar' at Kean University. For more info call (908) 527-1166.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 20

Jersey City - New Jersey City University offers Existing Business workshop from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more info call (201) 200-2156.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

Union - The Union County Economic Development Corporation will host Export Training Assistance Program. For more info call (908) 527-1166.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Union - The Union County Economic Development Corporation will host a Financial & Technical Assistance for Small Business Workshop. For more info call (908) 527-1166.

Heartbeat

MONDAY, APRIL 1

Newark - A Community Blood Drive will be held at St. James Hospital from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. For more info call (973) 676-4933.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Summit - The American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held at Marco Polo Restaurant from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call (800)-227-2345.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Newark - A Community Blood Drive will be held at Seton Hall Law School from 12 p.m.-7 p.m. For more info call (973) 676-4933.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Plainfield - Muhlenberg Hospital offers a series of seminars for those caring for the elderly or disabled persons, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Seminar continues throughout the month. For more info call (908) 668-2328.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Union - Union Hospital will host a health fair for the community from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more info call (908) 851-8992.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Newark - Free eye exams and Diabetes screenings will be offered at St. James Hospital from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. For more info call (973) 465-2674.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Belleville - Clara Mass Hospital hosts a free morning of breast health education and examination from 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For an appointment call (973) 450 2939.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Morristown - The Children's Medical Center offers a free lecture series for teens entitled Club Drugs: Ecstasy or Agony from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. To register call (800) 878- 5437.

SAT, SUNDAY APRIL 27,28

Belleville - Clara Mass Hospital invites women to attend the Women's Health Boutique from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more info call (973) 450-2939.

Essex and Union County -The American Heart Association offers free CPR lessons. For locations near you and registration call 1-877- AHA- 4CPR.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Belleville - Breast Cancer Support Group meetings will be held at Clara Mass Hospital. For more info call (973) 450-2332.

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APRIL 2002-SEPTEMBER 15

Newark - The Newark Museum presents a Garden of Remembrance: A Memorial to September 11. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

TUES, APRIL 2 TO JUNE 9

Morristown - The Morris Museum presents Fresh Perspectives at the Morris Museum. For more info call (973) 971-3700.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Newark - The Newark Museum will host a gallery tour at 12:30, 1:30 and 2 p.m. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Newark - The Newark Museum hosts Family Drop in Arts Workshop at 1,2 & 3 p.m. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

Newark - African Globe Studios hosts Teen Open Mic Nite. Show starts at 5 p.m. party starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. For more info call (973) 624-1584.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Plainfield - The United Trust Community Education Center presents Women in the Arts a career series for young women from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more info call (908) 753-7364.

WED, APRIL 10 - MAY 29

Morristown - The Morris Museum offers A World of Discovery for children ages 4-5 from 1-2 p.m. For more info call (973) 971-3706.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Newark - The Newark Museum offers an African American Art Lecture at 6 p.m. For more info call 1-800-7-MUSEUM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12-14

Westfield - The Westfield Armory will host the Westfield Arts and Crafts Market. Show hours are Friday 5 - 8:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more info call 800-834-9437.

FRIDAYS, APRIL 12, 19, 26

Manhattan - The Museum of Modern Art presents The Short Century: Films from Africa. General Admission is \$12, \$ 8.50 for seniors and students. For more info call (212) 708-9400.

Rahway - Singer Pam Purvis and sax player Bob Ackerman perform at The Arts Guild of Rahway at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$12. For more info call (732) 381-7511.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Newark - The Newark Museum offers a Lecture & Lunch Series at 10:30 p.m. For more info call (973) 596-6613.

Manhattan - Artek presents two performances of I'll Never See The Stars Again at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at St. Michaels Church. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for seniors. For more info call (212) 967-9157.

Paterson - Kujichagulia Book Store will host authors Denene Miller & Nick Chiles of Love Don't Live Here Anymore at 3:00 p.m. For more info call (973) 278-0919.

Newark - The Cleo Robinson Dance Company perform at The New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25, \$18 and \$9. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

SUNDAY APRIL 14,

Manhattan - The Young Peoples Chorus of New York City will have their second annual Transient Glory Concert at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$50, \$35, and \$20. For more info call (212) 415-5500.

Morristown - The Morris Museum presents The Azure Ensemble at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$26, \$23, \$22 and \$12. For more info call (973) 971-3706.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Newark - Anne Thompson-Stretching will lecture and stage scenes from her widely acclaimed play "You Shouldn't Have Told" dealing with molestation in the family. At 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$10. For more info call (973) 624-1584.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Plainfield - Author Toni Staton-Harris will autograph copies of her new book "By Chance or Choice" from 1-3 p.m. at Our Story Bookstore. For more info call (212) 501-1773.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Newark - Playwright Richard Wesley joins African Globe Theaters for an evening of drama, prose and dialogue. Admission is \$10. For more info call (973) 624-1584.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Montclair - Montclair Unity Church host "Springtime Festival of the Arts" from 10:00 a.m.-5 p.m. For more info call (973) 267-9581 or (610) 923-6121.

SAT, APRIL 27- JUNE 8

Morristown - The Morris Museum offers Trailblazers Science and Art Activities for children 6-9 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. For more info call (973) 971-3706.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Newark - African Globe Studios hosts House of Poetry featuring art exhibits, performance paintings and music. For more info call (973) 624-1584.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Newark - Hip- Hop Jazz Violinist Miri Ben Ari will perform at The New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$25, \$18, and \$9. For more info call 1-888-466-5722.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Newark - African Globe Studios hosts House of Poetry featuring dramatic performances, art exhibits and music. For more info call (973) 624-1584.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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Nation

Chisholm honored as congressional pioneer

WASHINGTON, DC - In celebration of Women's History Month, Congresswoman Barbara Lee recently introduced a resolution recognizing the enduring contributions, heroic achievements, and dedicated work of The Honorable Shirley Anita Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to the United States House of Representatives.

Shirley Chisholm served as a member of the New York State Assembly from 1964 to 1968 before being elected to the House of Representatives in 1968. She served as a member of the House from 1968 to 1983.

"Shirley Chisholm has devoted her life to public service and to improving the quality of life for people in the community she served, as well as for everyone in the United States," said Lee. "She has been a committed

advocate for progressive causes, including improving education, ending discrimination, increasing the availability of child care, and expanding the coverage of the Federal minimum wage laws to include domestic employment."

In addition to being the first African American woman to be elected to Congress, in 1972 Shirley Chisholm was the first woman to be a candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the Office of President of the United States. After campaigning in the primaries of 12 states, Chisholm won 28 delegates and received 152 first ballot votes at the Democratic National Convention.



Shirley Chisholm

Get out the vote

By Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Washington
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Donna Brazile, the former presidential campaign manager for Al Gore, is transferring her organizing talents from candidates to voters as the new national chair of the Voting Rights Institute at the Democratic National Committee.

"Are you ready for this? I'm neutral in the presidential race," she muses, noting her new goals to register and educate as many voters as possible for the 2002 congressional and 2004 presidential races. "We've got to make sure that those who come out to vote know and understand how to navigate the political process. That's an important goal and priority and I hope to implement that at the DNC."

Brazile succeeds former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, who resigned from the position of national development chair on March 1. "From her historic role as the first African-American woman to manage a presidential campaign to her extensive grassroots organizing successes, Donna has been a national leader in empowering and energizing voters," he says.

Brazile prioritizes voter registration and education over getting out the vote. "Absolutely,

we know how to get out to vote. We proved that in 2000." In the presidential race, Black Democrats voted for Al Gore 9-1 over George Bush. That race produced the second largest turnout in the history of the country and the largest for any Democrat, Democrats often boast.

Brazile notes that she created the Voting Rights Institute at the DNC meeting in February 2001. That was the meeting in which Jackson was appointed to the seat after conceding the DNC chair election to McAuliffe. As with Jackson, the position is strictly volunteer for Brazile. She is also a paid consultant.

"After the Florida fiasco, I wanted to have an institution to protect and promote the right to vote for all Americans. In 2000, the presidential race blew up after the votes of Florida residents—many in predominantly Black precincts—were not counted or were stopped from being cast. The U. S. Supreme Court ultimately decided the election for Bush by ending the recount of votes in Florida.

"I'm dedicated to the DNC," says Brazile, a professor at the University of Maryland, where she teaches political science and African-American participation in American politics.



Donna Brazile

NASA's shuttle sisters' land high flying engineering jobs

"Sisters is probably the most competitive relationship within the family, but once the sisters are grown, it becomes the strongest relationship."

—Margaret Mead

DECATUR, AL. — You can't blame 97 year-old Amanda Dabney for bragging about her two granddaughters, sisters Amanda Harris-Goodson and Yolanda Harris. Both are part of the Space Shuttle Project Office team at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in nearby Huntsville.

"If you ask her, she'll tell you we run this place and we make sure each Space Shuttle launch is a success," says Goodson of her grandmother, as a broad smile eases across her face. "And you just don't argue with your grandmother."

Especially when your grandmother's lived a lot of history. What Amanda Dabney has lived, seen, and learned she instilled, even way back when, in her two young granddaughters. She taught them the joy and necessity of education, and equally as important, to believe in oneself.

For the two sisters, growing up in Decatur meant strong family and church ties, juggling marching band, piano lessons, and dreams. "We knew early on we had to achieve," says Goodson. "Everyone not just our parents set high standards. In fact, people we didn't even know but who knew our mom and dad would remind us how smart our parents were. And then tell us they expected the same of us."

Today, Goodson, an engineer, is director of the Marshall Center's Safety and Mission Assurance Office. She oversees safety and quality activities on all Marshall Center programs. Harris, also an engineer, served as team lead of the Systems Engineering group in Marshall's Shuttle Integration office until last year. Today she is on temporary assignment at the Office of Space Flight at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., working with the Space Shuttle office as a liaison to Marshall's Space Shuttle Project Office. She also handles U.S. Congressional actions on launch and legislative issues including safety.

"It is a privilege to be involved in the launch of the Space Shuttle," says Goodson, who has been with NASA 18 years. "Marshall's continued commitment to the safe flight of each Shuttle is an integral role that those of us who work here play each day."

"Everyone in the Space Shuttle program is our family,"



Amanda Harris-Goodson, NASA engineer

adds Harris. "Because we feel like family, it makes flight safety such an important message. You always want to keep your family safe."

"When we were kids, Amanda used to tell me she wanted a fun job," says Harris, teasing her older sister. "One where she could tell people what to do." The nuts and bolts of NASA rocketry never entered the young women's minds back then. Because both women had a love of science and math, they followed in the footsteps of their late father, Harold Harris, majoring in electrical engineering. Both sisters graduated from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Ala.

The sisters are keenly aware that even today, women engineers are rare and female African-American engineers even more rare. They each achieved their goals. Plus some additional, personal choices in life.

"Yolanda wanted to be a lawyer and she is. I wanted to be a leader and I am," says Goodson. "You can't let limiting beliefs control your life. You should decide the kind of person you want to be, and you create that person."

"You should create a niche: Do things no one else can do or will do. You should pursue excellence and goals that will allow you to reach your full potential." Although Goodson had other job offers when she graduated from Tuskegee in 1983, she chose an internship with the Marshall Center's Product Assurance Office in the Science and Engineering Directorate. "With NASA, you know you are on the leading edge of the future," says Goodson. "Every day is a new day with different challenges and solutions. Even the stressful days are fun."

The sisters' paths diverged as Harris completed her bachelor's degree at Tuskegee in 1986, and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in 1989. Goodson rose through the ranks of



Yolanda Harris, NASA engineer

Marshall's Safety and Mission Assurance Office. Also worked to earn a master's degree in management from Florida Institute of Technology, a doctor of ministry from United Theological Seminary and completed NASA's Senior Executive Service Career Development Program.

The sisters' paths converged in 1991 when Harris became a quality engineer in Marshall's Safety and Mission Assurance Office, working with the External Tank and Solid Rocket Booster Projects and the Space Station Furnace Facility Project.

"I couldn't help but catch Amanda's excitement about the Space Shuttle and NASA," she explains.

Harris, an active member of the Alabama State Bar Association, also has made a difference at Marshall with positions of increased responsibility in the Shuttle Projects Office.

Both women have been honored with NASA's Exceptional Service Medal, as well as numerous other awards. In their spare time, both sisters enjoy speaking about NASA and giving motivational talks to church groups, clubs, civic and professional groups, youth groups and school students. "That's something we both share: We love to talk," adds Harris.

As a teenager, Goodson felt she had limits. She now sees them as opportunities for growth a message she likes to share. "Kids today need to see what is at their fingertips," says Goodson. Setting goals and challenging themselves is a life-long habit for the two women.

"Expect the best and the best will come," says Goodson. "I believe you should envision yourself in the future and work toward that goal. And, if you don't like what you're doing now, recalibrate and focus on what you want to be. Live your life to reflect what you want to be."

Harris laughs at her sister's response, and adds: "I can't say it any better than that."

Local

Conference focuses on preparing to cross thresholds

Seven area women and one man honored at Newark Women's Conference

NEWARK, NJ — The 8th Annual Newark Women's Conference, Inc. (NWC) chose the theme of "Crossing Thresholds" for their annual conference, held Saturday on



Jacqueline L. Jackson

University of Medicine and Dentistry's Newark campus. The keynote speaker was Mrs. Jacqueline L. Jackson, the civil rights activist and wife of the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

"As women we must overcome any and all obstacles that hinder us from achieving major goals in our lives," said NWC founder Mildred C. Crump. "We will address this theme financially, personally, professionally, spiritually, educationally and medically."

Crump, who made history as Newark's first African American City Council woman, says she launched NWC in order to give "women of all ages, races, religions, education and social-economic levels the opportunity to assemble, discuss and define issues that affect their lives, their families and ultimately their

communities."

The NWC, which is open to all women in the state, awards scholarships to deserving Newark High School students, and recognizes outstanding women in the New Jersey community. The conference also supports initiatives such as Project Babies, Inc., an agency that shelters "boarder babies" by providing them with basic necessities.

Mrs. Jackson, as quietly as it kept, is the prime mover behind many of the programs sponsored by Operation PUSH and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. An engaging speaker in her own right spoke on she addressed topics ranging from her imprisonment on the Isle of Vieques, being frequently harassed with "randomly selected" searches at airports, and the American culture of war.

Commenting on this year's conference theme, Irene Daniels, president of NWC's Board of Directors said, "When approaching new thresholds we can draw from our own experiences and the experiences of others, as well as from lessons learned. How well we've learned will determine how we meet or

approach these new thresholds." Daniels, who is executive director of the Newark Literacy Campaign, Inc. added that "The thresholds come to us whether we want them or not."

Saturday's conference participants had the opportunity to attend concurrent workshops on career makeovers, relaxation techniques, decorating on a budget, senior citizen services, dispelling health myths, and spiritual empowerment. A workshop on "How to Become a Candidate", conducted by Maplewood council member Celia King, was so intense participants had to be summoned for lunch. Each workshop was offered twice on Saturday, which enabled participants to attend two full sessions.

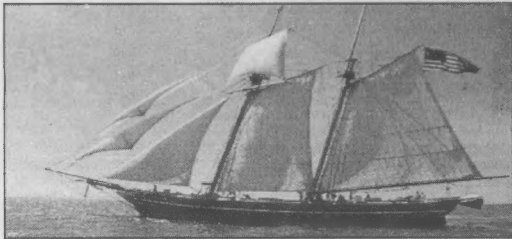
NWC also honored Ms. Maritza Torres-Falu, J.D., the associate director of Inter-American Law Review; Ms. Zulima V. Farber, Esq., a member



Mildred Crump (center) with councilwomen (l-r) Bessie Walker and Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins.

of the state advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Ms. Sherryl A. Gordon, executive director of the N.J. Administrative Legislative Council; Ms. Jan Edgerton Johnson, Co-founder of City News Publishing and YES Communications, Inc.; Dr. Rosa S. Langston, Director of the Newark Office of Children; Tony Peele, Director of Community Agencies Corporation of N.J.; Ms. Stephanie Voulgans, owner of Maize restaurant in Newark; and Ms. Barbara K. Waters, education coordinator for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Two Amistads 'sail' thru New Jersey



Famed Amistad schooner visits Camden waterfront port in April

'Amistad' bill advocates year round African American history in schools; 'Amistad' ship depicts historic revolt.

TRENTON — The Amistad Commission bill seeking to include African American history into elementary and secondary school curricula is sailing through the New Jersey legislature while a recreation of the actual slave ship, "La Amistad" is en route for a port visit to the Camden waterfront next month.

The famed "Amistad" schooner will dock at Wiggins Park Marina, across from Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, for a ten-day long multicultural event.

The Amistad incident of 1839 occurred when a 25-year old West African lead a revolt against his Spanish captors. The landmark civil rights case was argued by former president John Quincy Adams. After the trial, 35 African survivors of the incident were return to their homeland two years later.

The Payne/Stamley Amistad Commission bill was approved without opposition in the New Jersey Assembly and now heads to the Senate. The legislation (A-1301), sponsored by

Assembly Deputy Majority Conference Leader

Assemblyman William D. Payne and Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley, would establish a 21 member commission to incorporate information on African-American history into elementary and secondary school curriculum.

"The African-American holocaust is not often discussed in-depth in New Jersey classrooms," said Payne. "Students need to learn the horrors their ancestors faced and realize the significance of African-American achievement in our society today."

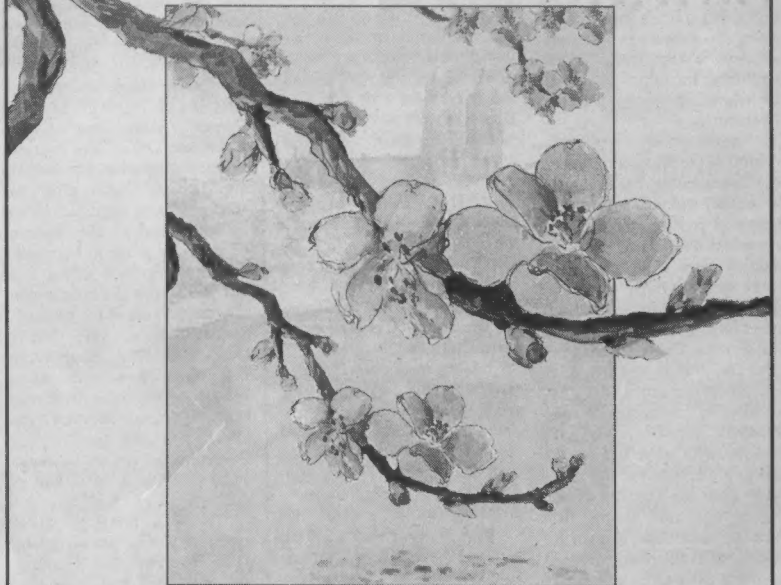
Payne (D-Newark) and Stanley (D-Irvington) hope to heighten awareness of the obstacles that have long stood in the way of the African-American community, and generate a greater appreciation of how this community has, nonetheless, risen above this hardship to succeed in shaping America as a nation.

The Amistad Camden port visit runs from April 11 though April 20, and will include a historic reenactment, art exhibits, interfaith prayer service, and family entertainment.

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Elders to address Horizon/Mercy healthcare summit

TRENTON, NJ - Dr. Jocelyn Elders, who made American history in 1993 by becoming the first black Surgeon General, once said, "We are a nation in which every criminal has the right to a lawyer, yet we don't feel every sick person has the right to a doctor."

She is slated to be the keynote speaker for Horizon/Mercy's inaugural nursing summit on "Nurses and Managed Care: Making the Promise Real." in May. The summit will be held in Long Branch, NJ.

The former U.S. Surgeon General will speak on the role of nurses in fulfilling the promise of managed care.

Widely regarded as being too honest to be a public leader, Elder's public statements created an imbroglia that led to her resignation 15 months into her four-year appointment. Dr. Elders was also the second female surgeon general.

The Mercy/Horizon summit will address the important issues surrounding nursing and managed care.

"Nurses are critical to the delivery of quality health-care, particularly in a managed care setting," says Dr. Miller, president of the company.

"Considering the current nursing shortage, nurses are even more critical in making the current delivery system work to benefit the people we serve in a manner which is efficient, effective and equitable."

Dr. Elders was born in Schaal, Arkansas on August 13, 1933. Similar to many African Americans, Dr. Elders never saw a physician before her first year in college.

Dr. Elders has remained a strong advocate for comprehensive health care reform, prevention, and health education since her departure from the White House. She is frequently invited to addresses those topics.



Dr. Jocelyn Elders

Study reveals bald truth

Losing your hair, or simply being scalped? If so, you're not alone according to the latest research findings from Australia. In the United States alone, hair loss affects approximately 60 million men and 20 million women and is a \$7 billion dollar per annum industry. The study reveals that many specialists and advisors on hair loss who claim impartiality are actually sponsored by corporations or companies intent on promoting their particular product or treatment. Of the over 3,200 sites on the world wide web, (concerning hair loss) many claiming to provide unbiased advice, instead covertly endorse products and treatments of which they have a financial affiliation to; and many hair loss forums, groups and expert panel commentators have solid links to profit seeking commercial interests. So, with so many scams, treatments and hair loss products available, what can you do if you're follicularly challenged?

"There is a great deal that can now be done for most cases of hair loss, but don't just walk

blindly into a course of treatment without knowing the facts," says Jonathan E. Phillips, a leading international hair loss and consumer product analyst author of the ground breaking expose "Hair Loss No More".

Scientific evidence now conclusively shows that certain actions accelerate the aging process triggering predispositions such as hair loss. The action of free radicals (unstable oxygen molecules) is one such influence.

The latest findings also explain how diet, stress, poor exercise, smoking, and internal/external and cosmetic factors contribute to hair loss and cause an increase in cellular breakdown; heart and blood vessel disease; an increase in the display of hereditary diseases; and acceleration of the aging process.

It is now known that beneficial dietary and lifestyle actions can help people produce the needed, positive effects on the chemistry of the blood, and control and prevent further hair loss.

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Sanders, Blackmon, Odumosu honored by Allstate Insurance

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY — The pastor of one of the largest, most progressive African-American churches in the Garden State was feted recently by the Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company as the keynote honoree of the company's annual Black History Month luncheon.

The Rev. J. Michael Sanders, pastor of the Fountain Baptist Church of Summit, was honored at the reception known as "From Whence We Came 2002." Held at the Tony Award winning, Crossroads Theatre of New Brunswick, one of the finest regional theaters in the country, the program not only honored individual accomplishment but it also celebrated African and African-American culture.

Each year, the event celebrates a different theme. The theme for the 2002 celebration was: Images from Africa, The Beauty of its People. Rev. Sanders was lauded for spearheading Fountain Baptist Church's global vision to assist communities in a number of African nations, as well as people of African descent in Haiti and around the world.

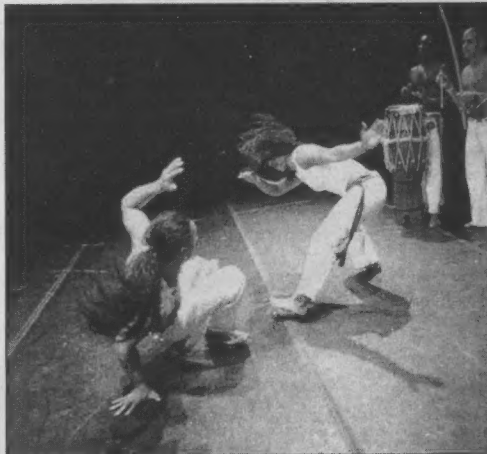
Allstate New Jersey's President Richard C. Crist, Jr., presented Rev. Sanders with an award specially commissioned for the event. Shaped in the form of the Sankofa bird, which in African folkloric tradition looks backward while moving forward. The statuette's image symbolizes the wisdom in remembering the past to build for the future. "Under his visionary leadership, the Summit-based congregation is working to empower the lives of people in Africa. Specifically, Fountain Baptist purchased a facility in Johannesburg, South Africa to serve as the National Baptist Convention's South African headquarters," Crist said.

Crist continued, "More than just a headquarters building, the facility serves as an invaluable spiritual and socio-economic resource for the community, providing citizens there with computer training and other forms of job skills development. Additionally, Fountain Baptist is leading assistance efforts in Kenya,

Liberia and Ghana."

"For his progressive leadership, on behalf of Allstate New Jersey, I am very proud to present this 'From Whence We Came' Award to Rev. J. Michael Sanders of Fountain

Brenda Blackmon of UPN/WWOR-TV, Channel 9 News, and Oluyomi Odumosu, recreation specialist for the Trenton Recreation Department, were saluted as local honorees at the reception.



CAPOEIRA COMES TO CROSSROADS — The twirling, high-kicking, acrobatic art form known as Capoeira — courtesy of Professor Zumbi & Co., performed at the luncheon sponsored by the Allstate New Jersey Insurance Company and held at the Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick.

Baptist Church," Crist said.

Last year, Allstate New Jersey honored former Secretary of State DeForest Soaries as the keynote honoree for his inspirational work in helping to create the V-Free program, an innovative initiative established to encourage youth to keep violence, vandalism and victimization out of their schools and communities.

In addition to Rev. Sanders,

"We are thrilled to honor outstanding individuals such as Rev. Sanders, Ms. Odumosu and Ms. Blackmon for their compassion, tireless work and exceptional efforts to make Africa a better place to live and work," Crist concluded, "as well as their endeavors to empower, educate and enlighten the African-American community here in the United States."



ALLSTATE HONORS — Shown (l-r) are Oluyomi Odumosu, Trenton Recreation Department; Brenda Blackmon, UPN anchor, Richard C. Crist, Jr., Allstate Insurance's president; and Rev. J. Michael Sanders, pastor of Fountain Baptist Church, in Summit.

RUBY DEE, A woman for all seasons



Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis

NEW YORK, NY — Veteran stage and television actor, writer and civil rights activist Ruby Dee, now in her eighth year of hosting the African Heritage Network's first original movie packages "Monthly Movie Classics" (1993) and "Prime Time Theatre" (1994) with her husband Ossie Davis, is still going strong for the 2002 season.

Ruby Dee is among that rare breed of acting personalities who has always used the visibility of her artist role to draw focus on the plights of the less fortunate citizens of the world. She has fought for more parts for African Americans and a true America being represented on the stage, not just blacks and whites, but Asians and Latinos and Native Americans.

As vocal civil rights activists, Dee and her husband of 54 years, have also presented united fronts, especially toward causes that concern the African American experience. Both husband and wife, along with other public figures were thrust into the public eye when they were arrested outside New York police headquarters while protesting the police shooting of Bronx resident Amadou Diallo, a West African immigrant murdered by the police while attempting to enter the lobby of his apartment building.

The couple's latest stage collaboration was "My One Good Nerve" a one-woman performance. The production represents an attempt to cope in a world with a questionable value system, where although the causes may change, the need for activism is still prevalent.

"The older people have seen what happens if you don't pay attention. The thing ... is that you don't keep on paying attention

because nothing just stops. It just doesn't stop being," Dee said. "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. There's nothing free about freedom."

"My One Good Nerve" is evidence of the undying rapport between Dee and Davis. The two never tire of sharing the same movie set or producing TV programs for PBS through their company, Emmalyn Enterprises. Dee and Davis' professional relationship has actually strengthened their marriage, according to Davis, a renowned author and actor.

"We're constantly trying to hone each other's skills and to me that is the satisfying part - working with her. We're always onstage, trying to make the act better," Davis said. Their symmetry comes across on the African American Heritage Network.

The African Heritage Network's "Monthly Movie Classics" 2002 package is definitely "Must See Movies" with the following lineup: March - Another 48 Hours; April - Slaughter; May - Trading Places and Trespass; June - CB4 and Purple Rain; July - Meteor Man; August - Stormy Weather; September - Bustin' Loose & Blue Collar; October - Tales From The Hood; November - Driving Miss Daisy; and December - The Kid Who Loved Christmas.

The African Heritage Network's "Prime Time Theatre" 2002 package also has a terrific lineup with the following movie classics: March - How Stella Got Her Groove Back; April/May - Dangerous Ground; June/July - Waiting to Exhale; July/August - Light It Up; September/October - The Great White Hype; and November/December - Clockers.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (hereinafter called the Authority or LBAH) invites proposals from qualified firms to perform an independent Financial and Compliance Audit of Authority Programs for a two year period, July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002 and renewable for the period of July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Only sealed proposals from qualified, professional accounting/auditing firms will be accepted until 3:00 P.M. (prevailing time) on Friday, March 29, 2002 in the Authority's Administrative Offices, P.O. Box 337, (Garfield Court) Long Branch, N.J. 07740

The successful firm should be prepared to begin by September 15, 2002 with the FY 2002 final draft being completed for submission to New Jersey DCA Office and HUD REAC system by October 31, 2002. The audit must be performed in accordance with the U.S. General Accounting Office Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities and Functions, the single audit Act of 1996, HUD Handbook 7476.1, Audits of Public Housing Agencies, the provisions of OMB Revised Circular A-133, Audits of State, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, HUD Notice PIH 96-32, Compliance Supplement for Annual Audits of Public Housing Agencies, the Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law, 40A 5A-15.6, and the New Jersey Administrative Code 53:17.6 to 7.9

Interested firms should contact the Authority's Finance Department (732) 222-3747 extension 116 in order to request the proposal package for this contract

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to March 29, 2002 without written consent to the Authority. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in the proposal process

BY: Tyrone Garrett,
 Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR HARASSMENT CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR AND HARASSMENT TRAINING SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick requests proposals for Harassment Claims Investigation and Harassment Training Services. Firms submitting proposals should demonstrate expertise in the New Jersey Law against Discrimination. All proposals shall be evaluated on expertise, knowledge of the law, and price. Successful proposers will be required to execute the standard Federal Housing and Urban Development and Retainer Agreement and all fees will be subject to review and approval of HUD Legal Department. Submit proposals to Maria Martinez, 65 Morris Street, 2nd floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. All proposals shall be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 4:30 p.m.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AUDITOR

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is seeking proposals from Public Accountants/Certified Public Accountants to perform the annual audit of the Low Income Housing Program and Section 8 Certificate, Voucher Programs, Comp Grant, Capitol fund, and Hope VI Programs

Information will be available to all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office, 65 Morris Street, 2nd floor, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and must be received no later than May 2, 2002, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Pemberton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at the Municipal Complex, 500 Pemberton-Browns Mills Road on April 17, 2002 at 10:00 am for the Construction of a Salt Storage Building in the Township of Pemberton. This construction of the Salt Storage Building is being financed by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Program (Project # S-340649-03)

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Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder addressed to the Township Clerk and endorsed with the project name and filed at or before the hour named at the place above stated when they will be publicly opened and read

A certified check or bid bond is required with each bid in an amount not less than 10% of the total sum of the proposal, subject to the conditions set forth in the Instructions to Bidders

On or after March 15, 2002, Specifications may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of the Township Engineer, Raymond L. Worrell, II, PE & LS, PP & CME, whose office is at Lord, Anderson, Worrell & Barnett, Inc., 651 High Street, Burlington, NJ 08016, during business hours. Contract documents will be furnished upon payment of \$60.00 to cover the cost of preparation. Contract documents are not required to be returned and payment will not be refunded

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All relevant documents from the Bid Submittal Checklist must be included in the bid sealed envelope or else the contractor's bid could be rejected

"All bidders and the contractor awarded the contract for construction of the Salt Storage Building (Project #S340649-03) must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and procedures as set forth in (1) the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and (2) the regulations for Financial Assistance Programs for Environmental Infrastructure Facilities (N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et seq.), and any other applicable laws, regulations and procedures indicated by the Pemberton Township's participation in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program."

"All labor to be provided on this project shall be paid not less than the NJ Prevailing Wage Rate for each craft used on the project. Contractors shall observe and comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act"

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The right is reserved to waive any informality in any bid, to accept any bid, to reject any or all bids, or to award the contract as may be deemed to be in the best interest of the Township

The contract will be awarded or all bids rejected within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of bids

"This project is funded in part through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. All bidders shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et seq. for the participation of small business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged (SED) business and/or individuals on this project"

This invitation to bid is offered on an unrestricted basis whereby the successful bidder must fulfill the 10 percent SED utilization requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:22-9.1 et seq. for this project. The successful bidder shall utilize the lists of SED businesses provided by the NJDEP, NJOCED and the Township to fulfill the SED requirements of this project. Within 30 days of award of the contract by the Township, the successful bidder awarded the contract shall prepare and submit to the Office of Equal Opportunity and Public Contract Assistance (or other NJDEP office with responsibility for administration of the SED requirements of this project) a plan to meet the specific SED Utilization requirements for the project, and the requirements of Chapter 7-22-9.1 et seq."

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RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY RAHWAY, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY REHABILITATION OF DIGESTER NO. 1

CONTRACT NO. 134

BIDDERS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Executive Director of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) at the Executive Director's office, 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065, until 11:30 A.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

REHABILITATION OF DIGESTER NO. 1

CONTRACT NO. 134

Work to be performed under Contract No. 134 includes the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment required to rehabilitate existing anaerobic sludge Digester No. 1 by removing the existing digester gas mixing system (Perth unit), removing and disposing the sludge remaining from within the digester, not removed by the Authority; cleaning the inside of the digester; rehabilitating the existing 75 foot diameter steel cover by either removing it, rehabilitating it and reinstalling it or rehabilitating it in place; removing all piping within the interior of the digester; furnishing and installing new gas mixing equipment including six (6) compressors, piping and instrumentation; replacing two (2) sludge pumps, piping and valves in the sludge recirculation system; furnishing four (4) new sludge pumps for storage by Owner for future digester(s) rehabilitation; cleaning, inspecting, testing and rehabilitating Digester No. 1 heat exchanger; removing and disposing existing steel lime silo including contents and mixing systems; removing and disposing polymer tank and contents located on the outside of the digester facility; furnishing and installing instrumentation, controls and electrical conduit and wiring; furnishing and installing new insulation within steel cover; miscellaneous concrete work; painting; and clean-up/disposal of all debris.

The Contractor is cautioned that Digester No. 1 is located amongst other methane-producing sewage sludge digesters and that all necessary safety precautions as required by RVSA must be employed during the term of the Contract.

All work is to be performed in accordance with the Contract Documents (plans and specifications) and is to be completed within three-hundred sixty five (365) consecutive calendar days.

ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED. Bids must be typed or hand printed on the forms furnished and enclosed in a sealed envelope indicating the name of the Bidder and the title of the Bid being submitted. Bids must include bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in an amount equal to 10% of the total price Bid, but in no event shall the required Bid Security be more than \$20,000. Each Bid Proposal shall include a Consent of Surety issued by a Surety Company licensed to transact business in the State of New Jersey in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA. Failure to supply the above documentation at the time of the submission of the Bid Proposal shall be cause for rejection. The Surety Company shall provide such Bonds (Performance, Labor and Material Payment, Maintenance and Environmental Maintenance) as are required by the Contract Documents in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA and in compliance with relevant State statutes. In addition to the above the Surety for the successful equipment manufacturer will be required to furnish an unconditional letter of intent for inclusion into the Contractor's bid package to provide an Equipment Performance Bond in the amount of \$500,000 to ensure the operation of the mixing equipment for a period of one (1) year from date of substantial completion. The manufacturer's bond shall be submitted with the Contractor's bonds.

All inquiries for clarification of any matters concerning the Contract Documents must be made in writing, sent by certified mail and received by the RVSA not later than close of business on Monday, April 8, 2002, in order that Addenda can be "noticed", issued and received by the Contractors as required under the N.J. Local Public Contracts Law. No extensions to the previously noted Bid Opening date are contemplated. Bidders are hereby notified that an Addenda, if necessary, will be issued on Thursday, April 11, 2002.

Bids may be hand delivered or submitted by mail. However, firms choosing to submit their Bids via the United States mail, Federal Express, UPS, messenger service, etc. are required to have said mail delivered prior to the Bid Opening time. **No bids will be received after the appointed Bid opening time.** Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days of the Bid Opening date. Bids may be held longer with the consent of the Bidder, by agreement with the RVSA, and only in accordance with New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law.

The RVSA reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and waive Bid informalities and/or irregularities as permitted by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) and with the advice of their legal Counsel when it has sound documented reasons which are in the best interests of the RVSA, the project and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT). Any award will be made to the lowest, complying and responsible bidder.

All bid securities will be returned within ten (10) working days of Bid Opening, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, excepting those of the three (3) lowest Bidders or others requesting that security be held. Bidders whose securities are returned are considered as having their Bids withdrawn.

Each Bidder shall complete and submit with the Bid Proposal, the Ownership Disclosure Statement, Non-Collusion Affidavit and Equal Employment Opportunity Certification Forms included in the Contract Documents. Failure to supply any or all of the above referenced documents at the time of the submission of the Bid Proposal may be cause for rejection.

The successful Bidder is required to submit the Bonds required by the Contract Documents on or before the execution of the Contract.

Contract No. 134 will be funded through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the NJEIT. Neither the State of New Jersey, the NJDEP, the NJEIT, nor any other departments, agencies, or employees is, or will be part of the Contract or any lower tier Contract or

or Subcontract. Bidders are required to comply with all relevant Federal and State Statutes Rules and Regulations as described in the Bidding Documents. At a minimum, the Contract will be subject to title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Employment on Public Works (N.J.S.A. 10-2-1), New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 to 10:5-42), Foreign Corporations (N.J.S.A. 14A:13-3), Statement of Ownership (N.J.S.A. 52-25-29.2), Use of Domestic Materials (N.J.S.A. 52-33-1 to 52-33-3), Prevailing Wage Rates (N.J.S.A. 34:11 - 56.25), Procedures and Requirements of the Loan (N.J.A.C. 7-22-3.1, 4.1 and 5.1), Environmental Assessment Requirements (N.J.A.C. 7-22-10.11) and Requirements for Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Concerns ("SED's") (N.J.A.C. 7-22-9.1). Other Statutes, Rules and Regulations which are incorporated within the Documents and with which the Contractor must comply are Local Public Contract (LPC) N.J.S.A. 40A:11-25 to 32 (Qualification and Reclassification of Bidders, N.J.A.C. 7-14-2.9 (Mobilization), N.J.A.C. 7-2-3.1.17 (g), 4.17 (g) (Surety Bonds), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-33-34 (Penalties for Falsification), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.2 (Mandatory Submittal Requirements), N.J.S.A. 40A:11-16.3 (Retainage), N.J.A.C. 7-22-10.11 (e) 1, 2, 3 and 5 (Restoration Requirements), N.J.A.C. 7-22-10.11 (f) (Prohibited Construction Procedures) and N.J.A.C. 7-22-10.11 (i) (Stockpiling Requirements). Bidders shall note that its submission of a Bid commits the Bidder to the use of small business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals with a goal of not less than 10% participation.

Contract Documents are available at the offices of the RVSA, 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost of complete, full-sized Documents is \$100.00 per set.

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RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY RAHWAY, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NEW CENTRIFUGE INSTALLATION AT SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITIES

CONTRACT NO. 132

BIDDERS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Executive Director of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (RVSA) at the Executive Director's office, 1050 East Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey, 07065, until 10:00 A.M. prevailing time on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for:

NEW CENTRIFUGE INSTALLATION AT SLUDGE DEWATERING FACILITIES

CONTRACT NO. 132

Work to be performed under Contract No. 132 includes the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment required to remove and dispose two (2) existing belt filter presses and associated piping, valves, electrical equipment and instrumentation/control devices; demolish and perform structural modifications to portions of existing facility; furnish and install one (1) new sludge dewatering centrifuge including associated sludge grinder, piping, valves, electrical equipment and instrumentation/control devices; remove and dispose one (1) mixing tank, one (1) aging tank with associated controls, hopper and feeder; furnish and install two (2) new polymer feed systems for use with existing emulsion polymer; furnish and install new valves and process flow meters on existing sludge feed lines to the dewatering systems; furnish and install new monorail; furnish and install miscellaneous grating; furnish and install new roof hatches; replace two (2) existing electrical transformers and furnish/install two (2) new motor control centers; miscellaneous HV ductwork; miscellaneous sitework including installation of new potable water service; painting as necessary; and clean-up/disposal of all debris and abandoned equipment.

All work is to be performed in accordance with the Contract Documents (plans and specifications) and is to be completed within three-hundred sixty five (365) consecutive calendar days.

ONE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED. Bids must be typed or hand printed on the forms furnished and enclosed in a sealed envelope indicating the name of the Bidder and the title of the Bid being submitted. Bids must include bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in an amount equal to 10% of the total price Bid, but in no event shall the required Bid Security be more than \$20,000. Each Bid Proposal shall include a Consent of Surety issued by a Surety Company licensed to transact business in the State of New Jersey in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA. Failure to supply the above documentation at the time of the submission of the Bid Proposal shall be cause for rejection. The Surety Company shall provide such Bonds (Performance, Labor and Material Payment and Maintenance) as are required by the Contract Documents in such form as may be acceptable to the RVSA and in compliance with relevant State statutes.

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The RVSA reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and waive Bid informalities and/or irregularities as permitted by the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq.) and with the advice of their

legal Counsel when it has sound documented reasons which are in the best interest of the RVSA, the project and the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT). Any award will be made to the lowest, complying and responsible bidder. Prior to an award being made to the lowest complying and responsible bidder, the apparent successful bidder and proposed centrifuge vendor will be required to demonstrate for five (5) days, at his/her cost, utilizing vendor provided equipment (i.e. pilot centrifuge), that the proposed equipment will satisfy the requirements/intent of the specifications regarding solids concentration and polymer consumption.

If the proposed vendor had previously performed on site pilot testing prior to the bids being solicited for this Contract and met the requirements of the specifications, then this "after bid/prior award" requirement will be waived.

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Mrs. Jesse Jackson: A view from many battlefields

When you are in the world arena your personal life is often sacrificed publicly, but for Jacqueline Jackson, who forwent her private birthday traditions with mother, husband and children St. Patrick's weekend to come to Newark, such sacrifices are, in her words, "worth having a front row seat to the greatest show on earth, the living experience. I pray daily to be deserving of this gift."

Better known to the world as Mrs. Jesse Jackson, Jacqueline Jackson, has emerged from the shadow of her internationally known husband to let her light shine beyond their Chicago home to touch the lives of citizens in Vieques, South Africa, Palestine, Cuba, Europe and third world countries around the globe. Mrs. Jackson is a beautiful, articulate, proud, self-assured woman two years shy of her 60th birthday. She is on a mission to empower other women, restore African American family values and be "bullhorns for justice."

Mrs. Jackson is a multidimensional woman. She is a daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. She is a wise, black parolee. She is a fighter with years on the movement's battlefield. She is humorous. Before all, except God, she is fearless.

Addressing more than 100 women at the Eighth Annual Newark Women's Conference luncheon, Mrs. Jackson peeled back some of her personal layers to reveal the strength she gained from the sifting she received last year. These are excerpts from her speech.

Reflections on September 11

"That was a tragic day for America and the world. When I saw the people fleeing down the streets of New York, I couldn't help but remember the little child I saw fleeing in Viet Nam. For the first time, war has been brought to our own soil. And that saddened me ... because any life that is lost anywhere is a tragedy. And I'm very concerned about the silence that is so prevalent in our country regarding this war. How may lives are necessary to soothe our quest for revenge? (applause) to satisfy this cruel and vicious lust for blood?"

The public revelation about her husband's affair and other child

"I'm not going to even bother with the pain that I endured the first of the year. But around June God picked me up."

Their marriage in the aftermath

"Adversity is a stage that displays one's character. And you don't see what you got at home until you see adversity, and you see the character of the individual you're with. You must remember that love and intimacy is forged in the furnace of conflict."

Her imprisonment by the U.S. government for protesting the bombings on the

Isle of Vieques

"And because I refused to be strip-searched I was placed in solitary confinement. That was an attempt to break my spirit. But they didn't know who they had." (applause)

Why she is not a feminist

"I tried desperately to be a feminist (laughter) ... in order to become a feminist, I first have to see myself in the context of womanhood, and I've never had the luxury of gender politics (um hums). The black males' issues are my issues. (I know that's right) since leaving the shores of Africa



we've been side by side. We were in the basement of the ship chained together at the bottom of the boat. We were released into society to pick cotton side by side. Pregnant, or not pregnant, we — women — took the same whippings; we could not drink at the water fountain. All of the things that happened to black men happened to me. No consideration was given to my womanhood. We sat on the back of the bus together and we are equally yoked."

Undergoing frequent airport harassment due to homeland security

"I try not to go there — to the airport — because I am a very dignified woman. I have an insult level ... I think sometimes that they have changed my name to 'Random' (laughter) every time I go there someone has pushed me to the side and says, 'excuse me but you have been randomly selected' for additional scrutiny — And my husband. I mean he's just treated awful ... They checked him one day five times at the airport as he was boarding the flight plane and then came on the plane and

took him and his two traveling companions off the plane because all three of them had been 'randomly selected'. So when he was sharing the experience with me, I said, 'Ok, now you're Mr. Random. And I'm Mrs. Random'."

Her response to airport personnel when harassed

"Tell me, do black women have a history of suicide? Do we have a history of carrying bombs and sitting on them? (laughter/applause) When you look in at my ring, my suits and you know it's not paid for."

The war in Afghanistan

"... the first casualty of war is the truth. The majority of the people who die in war are women and children. And I have a problem with a sanitized war, a war that you can no longer see on television ... where the reports are filtered ... and you ought to have a problem with that because it is denying everyone the freedom of speech and access to information ... we should exercise all caution and we should be ever vigilant now, especially at this time. Because in this frenzy, this war frenzy, we may find lying beneath the smoldering pile of rubble that was once the world trade center all of our civil liberties and our civil rights. Lying there to be twisted and mangled forever."

The state of America today

"... we've gotten too busy to take notice. I am convinced that this is by design. Music is everywhere ... you have no private time to think things through. We slap the oatmeal in the microwave. We don't take time to fix our food ... we are in a crisis of revolutionary proportion we're angry with our children because they didn't raise themselves well (laughter/applause) ... We're living in tough times and there is an attack on women. We look at abductions, murders, and women are falling apart. They're drowning their children. We have a 160% rate of increase — in being incarcerated — in the prison industrial complex In order for some towns to survive, they create a jail, which means you have every intention of people occupying that jail. So that makes me suspect ..."

Her message to black parents

"We can never become too busy to prevent our children from becoming a burden on society Nor can we continue to sacrifice the family for cars, for coats (come on now. Come on) happy hours, and social gathering. Our children must be reintroduced to honesty, truth, dignity, (whew Jackie) discipline, self love, obedience, please, may I, excuse me. Most of all thank you (applause). They must learn to say with certainty, 'I am somebody' My race, my county, my family, my friends expect great things of me."

Interesting facts about

The State of African American Women

Population Size

60% of the 34 million African-Americans are women.

64% of African-American women work outside the home.

Buying Power and Influence

405,200 African-American women-owned businesses, generate \$25 billion in sales and create 261,000 jobs.

\$400 billion in buying power is held by women (assumes women influence 80% of buying decisions).

The number of African-American women wage earners grew 67% in 1998.

Internet Savvy

8.1 million African-American women online (60% of African-American population online).

Computer-related expenditures for African-Americans grew 104%, "fueled by the desire for Internet access."

This year women are projected to account for half of online sales. African-American women are well positioned to accelerate their online shopping.

Poverty

39.3 percent of single, female African-American "heads" of households are impoverished.

Health

Black women are three times more likely to die while pregnant than white women, and four times more likely to die in childbirth.

Criminal Justice System

Black women are eight times as likely to go to prison as White women.

Black women are the fastest growing demographic in the prison population.

Sources: Target Market News, The Buying Power of Black America, 1999; U.S. Census, National Foundation for Women Business Owners (1996 Study); Forrester Research; Jupiter Communications; United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

Elizabeth wins coveted magazine recognition

Ladies Home Journal picks Elizabeth as New Jersey's "best of America" city for quality of life

ELIZABETH, NJ — A special April 2002 issue of *Ladies Home Journal* (LHJ) sited Elizabeth as the highest ranking New Jersey City in the periodical's annual "best of America" story. Elizabeth received the highest ranking in the state and rang in at number 39 nationwide.

Some of Elizabeth's best-rated categories include the number of women professionals, where Elizabeth came in number 14 in the nation. The magazine evaluated big and small cities across the nation looking at quality of life indicators such as crime rates, childcare quality and the presence of women in government to name a few.

The magazine's write-up described Elizabeth as, "A city focused on blazing trails into the future. Within the last few years, it has gotten a new state-of-the-art library and city hall, new



Pictured (l - r) are Patricia Perkins-Auguste, City Council; Carla Mazza, City Council President ProTemp; Paul Kirwin, Country Inns and Suites; Manny Grova, City Council.

police cars and a promise of more development to come. Elizabeth city aims to be a high-tech commuter haven from near-by New York City. The Jersey Gardens Mall, once a rundown eyesore, is now the largest outlet mall on the East Coast."

Mayor Chris Bollwage was proud, but not surprised by the findings said, "I do feel that there is a strong presence of women managing business, cul-

tural, spiritual and family affairs in this city. On City Council for example, we have two strong, intelligent women serving. City Council President ProTemp, Councilwoman Carla Mazza in the second ward and Councilwoman-at-large, Patricia Perkins-Auguste." Bollwage added that Perkins-Auguste was Elizabeth's first African-American female city council president.

On Sunday, March 31st from 8:30 am- 9:00 am, UPN 9's public affairs program **BLACK EXPERIENCE** will focus on "Improving Your Financial Health." This half hour program is hosted by Reg Wells. The guests who joined the interactive discussion on this issue are Luther Gatling, President of Budget & Credit Counseling Services in New York, NY; Dr. dt ogilvie, Associate Provost of Information Technology Strategy for Rutgers University Business School in Newark, NJ; Morlino Morris, Co-Founder and CEO of The Credit Alternative based in Montclair, NJ and Brenda Cox, Vice-President of Community Investment for The Provident Bank in Jersey City, NJ.

NEWARK, NJ — Emmy Award winner, journalist, author and veteran ABC television host Gil Nobel will visit Newark next month for a fund raising tribute in his honor. Nobel, the producer of *Like It Is*, is one of the most respected news people in the nation. The hard-hitting program has received some 600 community awards and seven NY area Emmy Awards. Nobel, also the show's host, is recognized throughout the U.S. as a dedicated journalist whose work has been instrumental in advancing the cause of African-American people. He is fighting for his job after more than 30 years at the local ABC television network in Manhattan. The rally will be held the afternoon of Saturday, April 13 at St. James AME Church.



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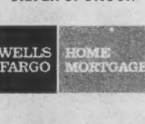
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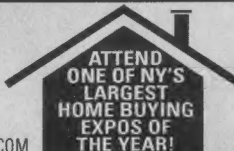
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